

Alaska Agreement Assessments

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- Purpose(s) of the Assessments
 - Help the user understand and apply
 - Help the mappers understand and improve
- Purpose of the presentation
 - Briefly show agreement/accuracy information already developed by LANDFIRE



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Two primary Alaska assessments

- Local evaluation on seven landscapes from AKNHP

<http://www.conservationgateway.org/content/publications-reports-websites-graphics>

- Agreement assessment from LANDFIRE

Will be on Data Quality pages at www.landfire.gov



My Messages

EVT product needs improvement for local use—there is no debate here based upon collected evidence, but the product needs more detailed review and feedback from locals/experts to understand its characteristics (good and bad) more thoroughly. Remember that LANDFIRE was not designed to be local data “out of the box”.

More plots will likely help, but I believe there are other fundamental issues---spectral separability, quality of ancillary data, legend, image selection/availability, schedule flexibility, incorporation of local knowledge, etc.

Need local users/experts to tell us what they see, and provide site specific details—geo-referenced polygons, plots, comments, etc.

